MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE 2001 REAPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

May 22, 2001 2:00 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol Room 329 Honolulu, Hawaii

Commissioners in Attendance:

Mr. Richard R. Clifton

Ms. Jill E. Frierson

Ms. Lori J.G. Hoo

Mr. Lynn C. Kinney

Mr. Kenneth T.G. Lum

Mr. Harold S. Masumoto

Mr. David W. Rae

Technical Support Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Dwayne D. Yoshina, Office of Elections

Mr. Lawrence Chun, Office of Elections/Reapportionment Staff

Ms. Cynthia Fukunaga, Office of Elections/Reapportionment Staff

Mr. Strather Ing, Office of Elections/Reapportionment Staff

Mr. Scott Nago, Office of Elections

Ms. Keala Naluai, Office of Elections/Reapportionment Staff

Mr. David Rosenbrock, Office of Elections/Reapportionment Staff

Mr. Rex Quidilla, Office of Elections

Ms. Robynn Yokooji, Office of Elections

Mr. Brian Aburano, Department of the Attorney General

Mr. Aaron Schulaner, Department of the Attorney General

Consultant Services Contractor:

Mr. Royce Jones, ESRI

Observers Present:

Mr. Micah Kane, GOP

Mr. Pat Omandam, Star-Bulletin

Mr. Ross Segawa

Mr. Bob Ogawa, Reapportionment Advisory Council

Mr. Larry Meacham, Common Cause Hawaii

Mr. Kevin Dayton

Mr. Jim Hall, Reapportionment Advisory Council

Ms. Robin Loomis, League of Women Voters

Ms. Linda Takayama

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I. Call to Order

Temporary Chairperson, Mr. Richard Clifton, called the First Regular Meeting of the 2001 Reapportionment Commission to order at 2:13 p.m. in Conference Room 329 of the Hawaii State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii.

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Jill Frierson moved to have the minutes approved. Voted unanimous.

PROCEEDINGS

III. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Rules and Procedures

Commissioner Frierson said they reviewed the Rules from the 1991 Reapportionment Committee. They will have some suggestions shortly, but are not prepared to bring them to the table at this time.

Commissioner Rae said that they have a several questions that they would like to seek council from the Attorney General to clarify some rules.

Commissioner Clifton mentioned that to seek council from the Attorney General, it is possible to put that matter on the list for Executive Session.

B. Committee on the Selection of a Chairperson

Commissioner Hoo said that they don't have a formal report but that she and Commissioner Akiona have been in discussion and have not come to an agreement yet of a nominee that they could bring forward to the rest the commission. They are hopeful that they will have a name shortly.

A reminder was given to the commissioners that the deadline to designate a chairperson is May 31, 2001. There is a meeting scheduled for May 29 and if they would like to meet again, they are able to go into recess and reassemble at a time certain and not have to worry about the 6-day notice.

IV. Administrative Matters

A. GIS Staff Services Status Report

Mr. Royce Jones made a short presentation on the GIS project. Reviewed what they presented last meeting. Showed an example of the tools available for redistricting and a sample case of redistricting at the Congressional level.

Mr. Rosenbrock mentioned to the commission that they are working on the information for commission and public access on the Internet. There are lots of questions and things they cannot do because they need the commission to

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think about what they want on the web site. They will orientate the commissioners about all of the possibilities so they can decide how they want to handle this.

Mr. Yoshina suggested that the commission form a Technical Committee to interact with the project staff. The technical committee would focus on the technology to be provided as well as do the line drawings to present to the commission to vote over.

Commissioner Clifton suggested that the discussion of the Technical Committee be put on the agenda for next meeting so the commissioners can think about the need for the committee.

The Technical Staff was asked where they are in obtaining numbers for the adjusted total population. Mr. Rosenbrock mentioned that they have been directed to the Defense Mapping Agency on the West Coast and are working with them to keep the confidentiality of the military personnel but still obtain the information that they will be able to subtract from the total and then from the census block. They have not received the information yet; they are hoping to receive the information within 10 days. They have been in contact with all of the colleges and universities in the state and asked that they submit their non-resident student population with a local address. They will be subtracting from the total, coming up with a new target and then go into the census blocks to remove the count from that particular block. They do have information from majority of the colleges and universities.

B. Administrative Staff Services Status Report

Mr. Yoshina mentioned to the commission that they have been receiving correspondence from various members of the public asking questions about access to the information. He would like to have a discussion about that in Executive Session and have the commissioners' decision as to what they want to do.

It will be added on the list for Executive Session.

V. Correspondence and Announcements

There are no correspondence or announcements.

The meeting was called to recess and unanimously approved. Recessed at 2:45p.m.

VI. Executive Session

Commission went into Executive Session to cover questions about Rules and Procedures and discuss access to information by the public.

The meeting was reconvened to the public at 4:06 p.m.

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VII. Other Business

There was no other business. The next meeting of the 2001 Reapportionment Commission will be held on May 29, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the State Capitol Room 329 with a possibility of recessing to another date before May 31, 2001.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the 2001 First Regular Meeting of the 2001 Reapportionment Commission was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne D. Yoshina
Chief Election Officer
Secretary of the
2001 Reapportionment Commission